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Attorney's Docket No. 11710-0112
KS File No. 44043-260570
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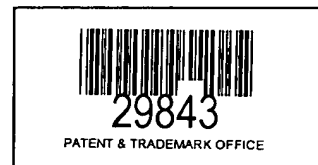
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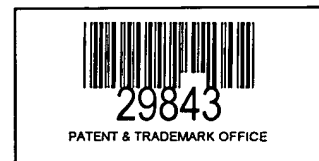
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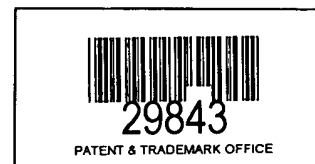
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